(b) if so, whether under a pilot project sophisticated eye scanners and other equipment has been installed at Mumbai and Delhi airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) to what extent it has been helpful; and

(e) whether all the airports in India will be provided such scanners and other equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Taking into consideration the latest developments in the field of technology, the Government has decided to look for a better access control system.

(b) to (e) A decision has been taken to introduce a new Photo Identity Card with higher security features but which is not Biometric Based from 1.1.2003 at all airports, including Delhi and Mumbai.

In the long run, the existing Photo Identity card for airport access is to be replaced by biometric Based Smart Card. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security is in the midst of a process of preparing a Pilot Project for introduction of Biometric Based Smart Card at Delhi Airport to control entry of the employees of various organizations working at airport and those who are required to go to the airports frequently on functional necessity. There is no proposal to bring sophisticated Eye Scanner and other equipments.

Terrorist incidents

†1539. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist incidents have been taking place in the various States of the country for the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of the states in which terrorist incidents, which are cross-border instigated, occurred between January, 1999 to October, 2002; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the dates on which these incidents occurred and the number of civilian and the security forces killed due to these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pakistan sponsored terrorist activities have taken place mainly in J&K. However, some isolated incidents have also occurred in Gujarat, Delhi,Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) Since "Public order" and "Police" are state subjects, the Central Government as such does not maintain such statistics. However, as per available information, 3294 civilians and 1661 security forces were killed in J&K along during 1999 to 2002 (October).

Vehicle thefts in Delhi

1540. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of vehicle thefts in the National Capital Territory of Delhi has increased manifold during the last one year;

(b) if so, how many vehicles have been stolen during the last one year from NCT of Delhi; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or proposed to be taken to ensure the vehicle thieves are caught and stolen cars are recovered promptly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the peirod 1st November, 2001 to 31st October 2002, 7560 vehicles were reported to be stolen in Delhi, as against 8051 cases reported during the corresponding period of the preceding year.

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent incidents of theft of vehicles include formation of Anti-auto Theft Squad in every police District to provide focused attention against theft of vehicles; setting up of check-posts at exit points from Delhi; collection of intelligence about the organized gangs involved in auto-thefts; intensification of Motor Cycle patrolling in